Portland, Dec. 14, 1842.

Dear Sir:

Your favor under date of the 30th of Nov. was duly received, since which I have been casting about to see if it would be practicable for me to be present at the Annual Meeting of the New-England Anti-Slavery Society, and to contribute my mite in a cause which I deem one of the holiest, and most important in which mortal man ever engaged. I lament that my domestic concerns are of such a nature as to preclude me from complying with your request. It is not necessary to enter on them detail; but I assure you they are such as you would deem sufficient to excuse me even in this cause. I assure you, however, that I am with you in heart and soul, and to the full extent of all your views. What I can do, shall be done; and I have the pleasure of saying to you that the great cause in which you are engaged is rapidly gaining converts here; and

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I trust before the Spring opens, that we shall do something that will encourage your hearts. Last Monday evening was our Law club meeting, and I had the great satisfaction of hearing Judge Miller, our Chief Justice say he had read your thoughts, was a thorough convert to your views, and was ready & all in his power to promote them. Mr Longfellow was present also, and with equal warmth and clearness expressed himself also in favor of your views. This is getting the two first men in the State for talents and influence in our efforts. I have no doubt they will head the list of those who will subscribe to form here an anti-Slavery Society. Mr Greenleaf also will cordially come in, and I need not say he is one of the first in the State for his character is known. Our friend Winslow is enraged in his efforts in the good cause, and I fail as though we shall be able to make efforts which will gladden your hearts. I received through the Post office the other day

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a paper from Mississippi, containing the new constitution of that State. The object of the person who sent it, no doubt was to let me see that document. I find that by the Constitution the Legislature is prohibited passing any law for the emancipation of the Slaves without the consent of the owner!! This must tie up the hands of that people until there shall be an alteration of their Constitution. Thus we see how they intend to perpetuate this curse. In the same paper are thirteen advertisements of coloured men arrested & committed to gaol on suspicion of being runaway negroes. Their persons are minutely described, and in nine of the thirteen cases it is stated they are deeply marked on ~~the bodies, back,~~ various parts of the body, as some on the belly with scars the effect of the lash!! This is the humanity with which Slaves are treated in the Slave States of which such boast is made by Slave holders. How long! Oh Lord! how long shall thy vengeance slup? When shall thy Sword be unsheathed on such a nation as This! How can I pronounce the laws on the subject of Slavery of the several Slave States? -

Most truly Your friend & Servant

Samuel Tyndale

Wm L Garrison Esq

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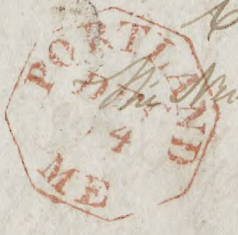
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